

# A Great-Grandson Of Daniel Boone

Story of Captain A. D. Boone of Sumner  
Who Came to Coos County in 1868

Capt. A. D. Boone, of Sumner who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Kardell, in Marshfield on March 29, was one of the best known and most beloved of the early Oregon pioneers, although for a number of years he has lived a life of retirement, and outside of his own little community has met few of the younger generation and new comers who make up the greater part of the population of the county today. Alphonso D. Boone was a great grandson of Daniel Boone. He was born near Jefferson City, Missouri June 3 1837, and was left motherless in early infancy. His father, Col. Alphonso Boone, kept his large family of boys and girls together and in 1846, with a large company of emigrants left Missouri for the distant Oregon territory, coming by ox team. A large part of the company, captained by ex Governor Boggs, turned toward California, and settled in the Sonoma valley; Boggs who was a brother in law of Colonel Boone, afterwards settling on a large Spanish grant in Napa valley. The Donner party, whose tragic experience forms one of the sad chapters of western pioneer history, was another division of the original large company that crossed the plains together. Colonel Boone's party after much hardship reached the present site of Corvallis, where the first winter was passed, and where his daughter Chloe, opened a school for the settlers children. Later, the father with several of his sons went to California on Feather river, the scene of their operations being long known as Boones Bar. While in California young Alphonso visited at the Boggs home in Sonoma county, there becoming acquainted with the family of General Vallejo, and many others who were identified with the early history of the Golden State among other friends he made at the time being young Lieutenant Hooker known later as "Fighting Joe" Hooker. Returning to Oregon he decided on steamboating as a career, and began work as a deck hand on of the Oregon Steam Navigation Co.'s boats on the Columbia rising to pilot, and afterwards to captain. In the years of his steamboating on the Columbia Capt. Boone became well acquainted with all those sturdy, energetic pioneers who were laboring to bring Oregon to the front. His brother-in-law, Geo. L. Curry was the last territorial governor of Oregon and the young steamboat captain, with his clear mind, sound judgement, and keen sense of humor in which malice never found a place, was a welcome addition to any company.

In 1868 Capt. Boone came to Coos Bay and located a homestead a mile from the present village of Sumner but engaged in steamboating on Coos Bay and Coos River for several years being captain of the Satellite and the Messenger. He was a boat builder as well, and always retained his love for carpenter's tools. Capt. Boone was married to Miss Nancy Lethia Barker, March 21, 1873, soon after settling on his ranch, where he spent the remainder of his life. To this happy union were born three sons and three daughters all of whom were with him during his last illness. The funeral was held at Sumner March 30, many relatives and friends gathering at the little cemetery to pay the last tribute of respect to one of whom none could have any but kindly remembrances. The pall bearers were young men who from childhood had known and respected the deceased. Rev. A. F. Basford of the Baptist church of Marshfield conducted the services and the body was laid to rest beside the wife who had preceded him but a month before.

To have known Alphonso D. Boone was a privilege; to have sat beside him in front of a cheerful open fire when he was in a reminiscent mood was a pleasure one could not forget; to have had his friendship for many years is one of the big things for which to give thanks. It can be truthfully said of him, "He was every inch a man"—Coquille Herald.

The announcement of the route to be followed by the Alaskan railroad will be announced by the government in a short time. The construction will be carried on by the Alaskan engineering commission rather than under the engineering corps of the army.

American Chinese are raising money for China for use in the war that will soon be forced upon her by Japan. The Alaska legislature has passed a bill submitting territorial prohibition to the voters.

## COMMUNICATED

Editor Bandon Recorder:—In an editorial "Fifteen Years Ago" appearing in your paper for March 23rd, attention is called to the feats of Henry Ford and others, who during the past fifteen years have successfully manipulated the business game with considerable emphasis on the opportunity for others to do likewise.

The success of this man was at the expense of the mass of laboring humanity, who, as I have shown in a recent article in the Western World are practically cut off from opportunities to secure even a decent living under our present system of private property in land. You advise that when you hear a boy or man complain that he has no chance, take him by the hand and tell him a few things. Among others that there never was a time in the world's history when there were more, etc. Yet, men, women, and boys, not singly, but by the millions, are complaining, may groaning under their heavy burdens, right out here on the farms of beautiful America! As well as in manufactures of the country where seven millions of human beings, mostly heads of families, receive an average yearly wage of only \$477.51. This wage will not feed them, say nothing about clothing, housing or laying by for sickness and old age. And were it not for the crime of charity this army would perish, or face an immediate readjustment of our present system which now enables a few who, out of unscrupulous methods or out of sheer luck, become the benefactors of an unjust social condition.

For every millionaire there is as a result a few thousand paupers. This for the simple reason that no man can earn a million dollars in a life time at honest labor. And when we view the other side of the question to which you have called our attention the spectacle becomes lamentable, not applaudable. It is not what a few may, by sheer luck or unjust means, accomplish that interests the economic student. Justice stops at nothing short of the welfare of the race.

M. Editor, there is a certain virtue in optimism, but why should we ignore the indisputable fact that two and two equals four? Or with reference to the terrible human struggle for bread, that four from four leaves nothing. You say that the young man who will take hold of the farm may make himself independent within ten years. How will the young man without means get hold of such a farm? Where will the man "get off" who straddles a \$200 an acre proposition at six or eight per cent interest, who has neither stock nor money or tools?

My father bought land in Western Iowa for \$6.00 per acre and paid for the land and fence with the first crop. The young man of today would be obliged to pay upwards of two hundred dollars. If there are such great opportunities to get rich quick on a farm, tell us why 37 per cent of all the farmers of the United States are renters.

There are some things that flesh and blood can not successfully go up against. One is German artillery. Another is a twenty to forty thousand dollar mortgage on 160 acres of farm land.

Respectfully,  
SAMUEL WOOD

**Search For Evidence of Arson**  
Acting on information carried in a letter of a few days ago from E. R. Thompson of the Sun Insurance Co., saying that the board of underwriters are investigating the Bunker Hill fire posters have been placarded about the city offering a \$250 reward for the arrest and conviction, within six months of the party or parties guilty of arson.—Coos Bay Times.

**France at the Fair**  
To show her friendship to the United States France will send a delegation of leading statesmen to the San Francisco fair. A special album of 60 original drawings is being fashioned by French artists for formal presentation to America through United States Ambassador William G. Sharp. The presentation will be made by President Raymond Poincare and the ceremony will take place some time in May.

The Republicans elected William Hale Thompson mayor of Chicago last Tuesday with the largest majority ever given in the history of the city.

### The Return of Hyde

Frederick A. Hyde, former land and timber magnate has returned to San Francisco from Atlanta, Ga., where he served a term in the federal penitentiary for land frauds in Oregon and California. Hyde was employed in the prison library with a Memphis banker and a New York dramatic critic. It was the Benson and Hyde land frauds that lifted Francis J. Heney, to national fame when he was appointed prosecutor by Theodore Roosevelt. Detective Bureau also gained considerable prominence in these cases. Hyde only was convicted. Benson died recently.

## NATIONAL FOREST IN THE EAST

So much has been said and written concerning the National Forests of the West, that few people realize that there are over two million acres of timberland now under federal administration in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and in the Appalachians.

In fact so keenly has the need been felt in the East for government aid and protection in the matter of forests that Congress certain timbered areas, and protection in the matter of forest that Congress passed the Weeks law whereby the government could acquire by purchase, certain areas which included important watersheds whose protection would mean much to the communities adjoining them. These areas also contained an enormous quantity of timber, inaccessible and widely scattered, but which would be marketable if the region were properly developed and improved. The timber amounts to a little more than a billion board feet, with a value of over \$3,000,000 on the stump.

Under the operation of the Weeks Law, the government is already applying the principals of scientific forestry to these newly acquired forests. In some places mature trees are removed in order to give young growth a chance. In other localities the building of roads and trails is the principal work. These improvements aim at local communication, fire protection, and the opening of the wild land for recreation purposes; and also to make the timber more accessible and valuable to the operators.

A great deal of the forest land within the purchased areas was cut over or culled before the government acquired it. Nearly all of this class of land, however is covered now with young growth and even the abandoned farm acreage, which forms about two per cent of the whole, is slowly reverting to forest.

The mature stand of timber which could be marketed, includes all the eastern hardwoods together with spruce, a good deal of hemlock, and some pine. The land, including the timber, has been bought at an average price of a little more than \$5. per acre. If the recommendations of the National Forest Reservation Commission are carried out, more than 5,000,000 acres of this land will eventually be acquired for National Forests in the East.

### GOLD BEACH GOSSIP

(From Gold Beach Globe)  
The possibilities of a champion wrestler arrived at the home of Fred Sorber, of our city, yesterday morning. The boy is bouncer and Fred says he puts in most of his time struggling to get off of the mat. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Sorber on their first son.

Mrs. Geo. W. Smith who some time ago received a broken leg in the skating rink has recently dispensed with her crutches and assumed her usual position in front of the wash tub on Monday mornings.

J. R. Stannard and Mat Coy wrestled to a draw in the clubroom Saturday evening. Coy got the first fall on a cross bar toe hold and Stannard got the second on a two point fall. Both men were pretty well fagged at this stage and they called it a draw.

A deed reciting one dollar valuation with War stamps on to the amount of \$145.50 was filed in the clerk's office on yesterday. The deed is the C. A. Smith Lumber Company and others to the Coos Bay Lumber Co. et. al. for land located in Oregon and California.

There was also filed at the same time and place a mortgage from the Coos Bay Lumber Co., C. A. Smith Timber Co., C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Co., and Smith Powers Logging Co. to the Continental Commercial Trust Company and John K. Lyon Trustees, the same property described in the deed for three million dollars.

### Wagers on Peace

They are betting on the duration of the war in London. Here are some of the odds posted:  
That the war will end before Sept. 1—three to one against.  
That the war will end before June 1—2 to 1 against.  
That the war will end before Sept. 1—even money.  
That the war will end before Dec. 1—10 to 1 on.  
That the war will end before March, 1916—115 to 1 on  
That Germany will take Paris—25 to 1 against.  
That Germany will take Warsaw—5 to one against.  
America's textile mills may be forced to shut down if dye stuffs are not permitted to be shipped in from Germany.

## News Notes of Interest From Neighbor Towns

Resume of Happenings That May Interest  
Local Readers. Gossip and Sensation  
Condensed and Abbreviated.

Assessor T. J. Thrift says he is not responsible for the high taxes.

C. E. Schroeder of Arago was in Bandon on business last week.

Myrtle Point plans to have a two days race meeting the week of July 4.

Marshfield is to have a new bank to be called the Scandinavian-American.

C. S. Patten, painter and decorator of San Francisco has located in Gold Beach.

The Oregon Monument Company plans to establish a wholesale and retail monument works at Coquille.

Rev. C. H. Bryan will deliver the baccalaureat sermon to the graduating class of the Coquille high school.

M. B. Smith of Gold Beach was operated on for a serious case of intestinal obstruction, last week.

The cheese factory at Wedderburn is now doing business, operated by James West of Portland.

Fruit Inspector Johnson has condemned a quantity of dried fruit in Marshfield. It had been dried with worms in it.

County Superintendent of Schools Baker will recommend a \$15,000 bond issue for a new school house at Wagner. Al Powers has already donated a site.

A large water spout sucked in at the mouth of Port Orford harbor recently, floating in a whirling column over the town and making a novel and beautiful sight.

Assistant Supt. of Public Instruction, Frank K. Wells has been visiting schools in Coos county. He is standardizing school work, especially that of high schools.

Myrtle Cunningham and Merton Tyrrell were selected to represent the Coquille high school at the Coos Co. oratorical contest to be held in North Bend, April 16th.

The C. A. Smith company recently filed at Roseburg the largest mortgage ever filed in Douglas county. It covers land in Coos, Douglas, Curry and Lane counties and the filing fees were \$125.

An 8400 lb buoy that washed from its mooring near Crescent City was picked up on the coast about a half mile below Port Orford. Lavin Forty who first found the buoy was rewarded with \$50.

W. H. Merridith has resigned as district attorney of Curry county. He is going to move to Missouri in May. The governor will appoint his successor. J. C. Johnson, Jerry Huntly and C. H. Buffington are possible candidates. The salary of the office is \$600 per year.

It will soon be possible to take passage from San Francisco to New York by boat. The Kronland and the Finland, passenger boats of twenty two thousand tons burden will soon be placed on this service. Passengers from all the North Pacific coast ports will be able to make connections by way of local steamships.

The entire tax levy for Coos county this year is \$7431.62. Many people this year are content to pay only half of their taxes at this time though the treasurers office was crowded April 1st by those wishing to pay their taxes and thus avoid penalty. The C. A. Smith company paid \$26,000, half their taxes, the last day.

Kendall Bros. of Pittsburg have submitted a proposition to the people of Roseburg agreeing to construct a standard gauge railroad from the city to their holdings on the North Umpqua, and to erect a modern sawmill in Roseburg and make other substantial improvements in exchange for a mill site, right of way and municipal bonds in the sum of \$300,000

### Purchasers Get More Time

Forty days has been added to the time in which innocent purchasers of Hyde-Benson lands may make proof in order in order to take advantage of the offer to settle at \$2.50 per acre. The period would have expired April 9th. It was represented that 90 days was too short a time to get all the proofs in.

The time of Frederic A. Krebs and C. A. Smith in which to pay \$12,000 on certificates was extended to August 1st.

A claim for \$228,959.54 will be made against Germany as a result of the sinking of the American vessel, the William P. Fry, it has been announced.

The government is to call a halt to the traveling of Americans in Europe for pleasure and will refuse passports to those who wish to go abroad merely for pleasure.

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